Ps. 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

While thinking of the trees about the church and manse I tried to picture our land without trees. Suppose there were no trees! What a great blessing they are. "Behold I have made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food." The many varieties and all of them are beautiful. We should become familiar with them- they as are our true friends.

Dt.20:19 When thou shalt besiege a dity in making war against it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof, thou shalt not cut them down, for the tree of the field is man's lif

Job 14:7 There is hope of a tree that if be be cut down it wil- grow again.

Solomon who declared that the fear of the Lord was the begin..ng wisdom, designated wisdom as the tree of life. This figure runs thru the Bible.

The Psalmist likened the righteous to a tree planted by the a river whose leaves never wither and whose fruit was abundant in its season. Our text from Ps.92

Among the trees of ancient Palestine there was one which ranked above all the/ others for stateliness of growth, renewal of life and power of vegetation- called by the orientals, The King of Trees. It was the palm tree. Among its many varieties was the Date Palm which reared its graceful form in the Jordan valley especially, but grew and is still grows in Egypt, India and other sections of the East.

This tree grows from 60 to 100 ft. high and its crown of fan-like leaves at the top gives it a kingly appearance indeed. It was one of the most servicable trees and was used in a great many different ways. It is said that the Arabs had 360 uses for the Date Palm as well as 360 epithets which they gave to it. They used its fruit for their own food and ground the seeds thereof for their camels. Out of its leaves they made baskets, out of its trunk their cages and fences, while the bark was used for fuel.

When the Israelites camped by the wells of Elim they pitched their tents by a grove of palm trees. Solomon ornamented the temple with the wood of the palm tree. Moses on Mt.Pisgah's lofty height when taking his farewell look upon the promised land which he was forbidded to enter rested his eyes upon the palm groves of Jericho whose cresent branches waving in the breeze flashed in the bright sunlight of Palestine.

Let us now to our text and apply it to our own Christian living.
The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree.
First, let us consider its growth.
It will grow on the barren wastes of the desert provided its roots can reach some moisture. It requires sunlight and water. It forms an oasis in the desert.
It is an Endogenous tree, growing from within out. The trunk grows by additions from above and does not increase in thickness to any estent. It grows steadily thruout the year.
It grows straight up with no out-shooting brandhes.
Its life-source is not visible, consisting of an immense tube root ~~extending from the center deep down into the earth~~ which just beneath the earth, from which extend small cord-like roots which spread laterally and extend from six to eight feet into the earth to absorb all the moisture. Thus the palm tree has a firm foundation and sure supply of water, weathering the blighting winds and the scorching sun.
Then the palm tree is ever green and bears heavily a rich food.
Its shade to weary travelers. Its food to hungry pilgrims.
A tree will bear from 300 to 400 pounds of dates a year.

Lastly the palm tree is an emblem of victory.

In ancient times when conquerers returned in triumph their cohotts always carried palms. Jesus upon entering Jerusalem in His triumph was greeted with shouts of praise by those who were waving palm branches.

After referring to these characteristics of the palm tree it is hardly necessary to explain our text in its application to Xns. Yes, well may we call God's children born anew in Jesus Christ Palm Tree Xns. They grow in the desert places of the world a welcome sight to weary travelers dust-covered with sin. In the midst of death they bring glad tidings of life. Proudly do they lift their heads towards the Sun of Right eousness. And beneath the surface of their lives lies hidden their great strong root of Faith whose laterals draw constantly from the waters of eternal life. Christians grow from within out, by additions from above. They add to their faith virtue, knowledge, temperance self-control, godliness, brotherly kindness and love.

Palm Tree Xns not only grow into stately princes in God's kingdom but they are ever a blessing to the world. Their fruits of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, meekness, faith, self-control constitute the necessary food supply of our civilization. Their deeds of mercy

and their saving ministrations thruout the world open up the wells of salvation to all who are lost in the desert wanderings of life.

And finally, these Palm Tree Xns are fitting emblems of victory. In the name of their captain, Jesus Christ, they conquer sin and death! They stand before the King of Glory in the strength of beauty and character. They lay their faith and love at the Master's feet waving the palm of victory as He receives His crown of lasting glory.

Are we Palm Tree Xns? Do we present an erect and upright character of moral excellence before the world, a type of spiritual beauty and holiness? Are we growing Xns, from within our heart out to the world? Are we Xns shade and shelter to the travel worm of the world and food to the hungry souls out of God? Do those who meet us find in us a haven of rest, a spiritual refreshment? Are our roots of Faith buried deep in the heart of Christ from whose precious blood we draw forth the waters of life?

The date palms in front of the church. Beautiful but not fruit bearing This is not the right climate for the date palm. Many Xns live too much in the climate of this world and not enough in the atmosphere of the Gospel of Christ to be fruitful.

This Community Property bill will save the wife just half of the attorney's and executor's fees in having the estate probated.

If the husband or wife dies without a will the *entire Community Property will pass to the survivor.*

THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY HOW UNJUST THE PRESENT LAW IS, TAKE THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE:

The mother of a three-year-old girl marries the second time a man with a girl the same age: The wife teaches school fifteen years and the husband, with the money earned by the wife, buys and plants 80 acres of vineyard. This property is now worth $60,000. The wife becomes ill and learning that she cannot live, sends for her attorney to draw up a will, giving her daughter a share of this community property, and learns for the first time that she has no interest in the community property and cannot will any part of it to her child. She dies and the entire property automatically passes to the husband. The following week he is killed in an automobile accident and HIS DAUGHTER inherits the entire $60,000 and the *wife's daughter is left without a penny.*

TAKE A CASE WHERE THERE ARE NO CHILDREN:

A wife who had an invalid husband, took care of him for twenty years and made the living by taking in washing. When the husband finally died, the wife wrote his brother in the East—who had not contributed a dollar to his support—of his death: In less than two weeks' time the Eastern brother arrived and took his share of his brother's half of the property, although the wife had earned every dollar.

BEAR IN MIND THAT IN EVERY STATE WHERE THEY HAVE THE COMMUNITY PROPERTY SYSTEM THE WIFE HAS SOME TESTAMENTARY POWER—EXCEPT IN CALIFORNIA.

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